

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1           1.       A damper apparatus comprising:  
2                   a spring;  
3                   a holder for holding said spring; and  
4                   a plate having a pawl elastically engaged by said spring,  
5                   wherein splines are provided on an inner peripheral portion of said  
6 plate and an outer peripheral portion of said holder.

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1           2.       A damper apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said holder is  
2 constituted by pinching an annular ring between two retainer plates.

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1           3.       A damper apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said holder  
2 includes an annular ring disposed between two retainer plates.

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1           4.       A damper apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the annular ring has  
2 a substantial equal thickness in the axial direction to the thickness of the plate in the  
3 axial direction and wherein said splines are formed on said two retainer plates and a  
4 rivet is disposed through a spline of each of said retainer plates and said annular ring.

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1           5.       A damper apparatus comprising:  
2                   a spring;  
3                   a holder for holding said spring; and  
4                   a plate having a pawl elastically engaged by said spring,  
5 wherein splines are provided on an inner peripheral portion of said holder and an  
6 outer peripheral portion of said plate.

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1           6.       A damper apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said holder  
2 includes an annular ring disposed between two retainer plates.

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1           7.       A damper apparatus comprising:  
2                   a spring;  
3                   a holder holding said spring and including two retainer plates;  
4                   a plate having a pawl elastically engaged by said spring; and  
5                   an annular ring disposed between said two retainer plates;  
6                   wherein splines are provided on an inner peripheral portion of at least  
7 one of said plate and said holder and an outer peripheral portion of the other of said  
8 plate and said holder and wherein opposite end surfaces of said annular ring are  
9 substantially aligned with opposite end surfaces of said plate in an axial direction.

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1           8.       A damper apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said holder  
2 includes an annular ring disposed between two retainer plates.

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1           9.       A damper apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said splines are  
2 provided on said two retainer plates of said holder.

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1           10.      A damper apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein a rivet is disposed  
2 through a spline of each of said retainer plates and said annular ring.